#### Christ the Lord Church Office Hours

Sandy: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:30pm (please call first if you need to meet with Sandy)

#### Sunday Service 10AM CTL eNews for Dec 14 - 21, 2023

Please contact Elaine Brady elaine.brady592ctl@gmail.com for contributions to the eNews If you would like something to be included in the E-news please contact Elaine

## December

Sunday, December 17 -

**Christmas decorations and Stone** Soup this Sunday! Jeanne Walpole will prepare a meat/fish-eater soup broth we'll also Monday, December 25 Christmas Day -10 have a vegetarian broth) and everyone is invited to bring whatever vegetable(s) or grain(s) you would like to contribute to one or both soups. The soups will be part of a light lunch after the decorations are up. Come join the fun and fellowship of decorating for Christmas!

3rd Sunday of Advent. Everyone helps decorate the church for Christmas after the circumstances of their death. Joseph was told 10 am service.

Bishop's Committee meeting 6pm via zoom Please note time change!

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent. Regular Sunday morning service



Sunday, December 24 ChristmasEve -7:30 pm caroling. 8:00 pm candlelight Holy Eucharist service.

am, a capella worship service.

Sunday, December 31 10 am Holy Innocents worship service. These young boys killed by Herod were innocent of any crime, except that one of them might take over Herod's throne. The Holy Innocents did not know Jesus, but they died in his place. They are remembered by the church because of the by God to take the child Jesus and his mother and flee into Egypt because Herod planned to kill all first born baby boys in Bethlehem Their feast day is December 28.

### 2024 Save the Dates:

Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 pm .... Brass Roots Trio - free concert!

**Brass Roots Trio** concert"Reflections of Peace" -

2 pm Saturday, January 6 at CTL. ROSETTA SENKUS BACON (piano), TRAVIS HEATH (trumpet) and DOUGLAS LUNDEEN (French horn and voice) have demonstrated their prodigious talents across the country and around the world with engagements

at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, among many others. "Reflections of Peace" has been described as "Garrison Keillor meeting Aaron Copland on Bourbon Street". Sign up in the narthex to attend this FREE concert! Seating is limited by the Fire Marshal, so sign up soon!

Saturday, February 3, 2024 - **Diverse Voices Vol. 2** - More information to come.

<u>Christmas Flowers!</u> It's time to think about making our church even more beautiful and welcoming for Christmas! Attached with this e-News is a form to complete for dedication of flower donations. We recommend a \$25 donation, but any amount is most welcome!! In order to purchase flowers and print dedications in the Christmas worship booklets, we would appreciate donations and dedication text by Dec. 17. Thank you! (see attachment)

<u>Planning for End of Life</u> - a presentation by Debbie Plato from Callahan's Mortuary will be rescheduled to a date in 2024.

Stewardship: Thank you so much to those who have turned in your 2024 forms! We will be pleased to accept outstanding completed pledge and Time/Talent forms either in the offering plate at church or through the mail. Thank you for your help as we prepare the budget for 2024!

Our December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Special
Offering is for the Food Bank of Contra
Costa and Solano Counties

Sunday, February 11, 2024 - CTL Annual Meeting, after worship

Here is the URL for the Diocese announcement of our new bishop.

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGwHxsZvmjdsmDWjkCDhmL

# Homebound Communion for CTL members

We have a Eucharistic visitor who will bring the communion elements (bread/wine/juice) and/or also do a service in your home. Please contact Elaine Glimme (510) 859-5317 or ElaineGlimme@comcast.net

**Donations and pledge payments** to support CTL and our various ministries may be given at <a href="https://christthelord.gvtls.com">https://christthelord.gvtls.com</a>, or by sending a check to the church. Remember you can always give to charities of your choice at any time.

The "Ark" Birthday/Special Intentions
Bank 2023 donations will be given to
Heifer International.